



California Postsecondary Education Commission

Minutes of the Governmental Relations Committee Teleconference Meeting of May 16, 2007

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Howard Welinsky, Chair
John P. Perez
Ralph R. Pesqueira
H. Eric Schockman
Olivia K. Singh, ex officio

OTHER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Joseph P. Bishop
Deborah Malumed

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Welinsky called the May 16, 2007, teleconference meeting of the Governmental Relations Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. He reported that the Committee would review the Legislative Update June 2007 report, with suggested staff position changes on priority bills, and review a summary on the Governor's May Revision to the Proposed 2007-08 State Budget.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Executive Secretary Anna Gomez called the roll for the May 16, 2007, meeting and a quorum was present.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, JUNE 2007

Legislative Director Sherri Orland presented an addendum to the Legislative Update June 2007 report with staff recommendations on the 17 bills, for which position changes were proposed, listed below.

- **AB 1413 (Portantino)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support If Amended*.
- **SB 190 (Yee)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **SB 325 (Scott)** Staff recommended changing position from *Support in Concept* to *Support if Amended*.
- **AB 573 (Horton)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **AB 1559 (Berryhill)** Staff recommended changing position from *Support in Concept* to *Support in Concept* (different proposal).
- **AB 100 (Mullin)** Staff recommended changing position from *Support* to *Watch*.
- **AB 1409 (Portantino)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **SB 890 (Scott)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **AB 171 (Beall)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **AB 611 (Nakanishi)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.

California Postsecondary Education Commission

- **AB 668 (Portantino)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support*.
- **AB 819 (Runner)** Staff recommended changing position from no position to *Watch*.
- **AB 1038 (Feuer)** Staff recommended changing position from *Watch* to *Support in Concept*.
- **AB 1267 (Feuer)** Staff recommended changing position from no position to *Support if Amended*.
- **AB 1522 (Brownley)** Staff recommended changing position from no position to *Watch*.
- **AB 1652 (Lieber)** Staff recommended changing position from no position to *Support In Concept*.
- **SB 595 (Alquist)** Staff recommended changing position from *Support if Amended* to *Watch*.

Ms. Orland briefed the Committee on two bills of interest with “Watch” positions, AB 1525 (Cook) and SB 823 (Perata), which deal with Private Postsecondary State Oversight, and the Commission’s sponsored bill AB 365 (Portantino) regarding the higher education and workforce nexus. Committee members asked for further discussion at the June 2007 Commission Meeting on SB 325 (Scott), SB 890 (Scott), AB 171 (Beall), AB 1652 (Lieber), and AB 1413 (Portantino).

Chair Welinsky called for any members opposed to supporting the staff recommendations as presented on the Legislative Update June 2007 report. Hearing none, he stated the majority of the Committee supports the staff recommendations to be presented at the June Commission meeting.

GOVERNOR’S MAY REVISION

Staff member Kevin Woolfork presented a summary of the Governor’s “May Revision” to his proposed 2007-08 State budget. He detailed anticipated State tax revenues and program expenditures and then described selected higher education budget highlights. Mr. Woolfork also described the revisions in the proposed sale of the Ed Fund to a private entity and the suggested sale of the California State Lottery. Executive Director Haberman reported on the Commission’s budget and noted that the May Revision contained no changes to it from what was proposed in January. After discussion by Commissioners, Mr. Woolfork concluded by noting that the Legislative Analyst’s Office believes there will be an additional funding deficit of up to \$366 million due to a technical error in accounting for the current budget year for K-12 enrollments. Committee Chair Welinsky thanked Mr. Woolfork for this presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Welinsky adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.